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## SUBMARINE WAR HAS FAILED

### Lloyd-George Declares Defeat for U-Boats and British Success in Flanders

#### ALLIES FURIOUSLY ATTACKING ON WIDE FRONT IN BELGIUM

Heavy Fighting Taking Place in Three Sectors in Flanders and British and French Advancing in Spite of Stubborn Resistance—Big Drive Against Crown Prince Rupprecht Begun at Daylight.

In three sectors of the Franco-Belgian front the French and British have won new successes in their offensive operations which are once more in full swing. Attacks were made by the British in Belgium near Ypres, by the French on the Aisne front and near Dixmude in Belgium. The ground won by the British in yesterday's brilliant attack near Lens, including the highly important hill No. 70, was held in the face of all German counter attacks, Gen. Haig reports.

While the British were consolidating their new territory near Lens and defending it against German efforts to retrieve their losses, they struck another blow about 30 miles north, on a wide front east and north of Ypres. The official report from London gives few details of the battle but says progress is being made.

The French, with the assistance of British troops on their right attacked the German positions on both sides of the road between the towns of Steenstraete and Dixmude, eight miles apart.

Paris reports that all objectives were gained and that a crossing of the Steenbeke river was forced. The French and British are making further progress on the right bank of the river.

Marked success was won by the French on the Aisne front. A strongly held system of trenches on a front of one kilometer south of Ailles was stormed and four German counter attacks were beaten off.

#### French Making Progress.

The French also made progress in the vicinity of Hurtebise monument.

The Austrian war office announces that four tons of bombs were dropped on the maritime arsenal at Venice on Tuesday morning, causing a number of fires. Three of the Austrian airplanes are missing.

The weekly French report of shipping losses records the sinking of one steamship of more than 1600 tons and three of smaller size. The Italians lost six steamships and five sailing vessels.

A London newspaper says that wounded American soldiers from the western front have just arrived at a hospital at Bath, England. Washington is without official information regarding this report. Dispatches from the American training camp in France last night said all the American forces in France were reviewed yesterday, indicating that the entire body was still in training. The military authorities have made elaborate preparations for treatment in American hospitals in France of the wounded, who ordinarily would not be transported to England. The report of the London newspaper may refer to wounded Americans serving with the British armies, of whom there are several thousands.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—Troops of the entente allies in Flanders attacked the German positions today on a wide front east and north of Ypres in Belgium. The official report of Field Marshal Haig says that progress is being made.

The British official statement which was timed 12:11 p. m., reads: "At 4:45 o'clock this morning the (entente) allies' troops again attacked on a wide front east and north of Ypres."

"Heavy fighting is taking place, but progress is being made at all points in spite of the stubborn resistance of the enemy."

"On the Lens battlefield three more counter-attacks made by the enemy last night against our positions were repulsed. A hostile concentration in the neighborhood of Cite St. Auguste was broken up by our artillery."

#### Big Drive Begins

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Aug. 16.—(10 a. m.)—(By The Associated Press).—Forces of the entente allies at daybreak today began another drive against the troops of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, along a wide front from a point opposite Polygon wood, east of Ypres to the left of the French positions on the northward. In the first onslaught the right flank of the French surged across the Steenbeke river and at the same time

#### U. S. TO TAKE SEVERE ACTION

Department of Justice Prepared to Deal Swiftly With I. W. W. Activities.

#### WAR WORK MUST GO ON

Large Force of Investigators in West Checking Up Obstruction Leaders.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The department of justice, it was stated today, is prepared to deal swiftly and severely with activities in the northwest and elsewhere of the Industrial Workers of the World in so far as they relate to the stoppage of curtailment of production in industries whose continuation is deemed essential to the prosecution of the war.

Any action, it was said, which would tend to retard the harvesting of crops, the production of spruce lumber essential for the construction of airplanes or to curtail the production of minerals needed to carry on the war, will be met by prosecution on charges of conspiracy against persons regarded as responsible for the institution of the movement.

Sensors who want legislation to deal with the I. W. W. situation conferred today and agreed to join in drafting a bill for introduction by Senator Hollis, designed to curb improper activities without injuring interests of organized labor.

#### King Introduces Bill

Another bill aimed to reach activities of members of the I. W. W. was introduced today by Senator King. It provides for the punishment of persons who bring about breaking of contracts made by the United States for the manufacture and transportation of things needed by the government.

A large force of investigators is in the field in California, New Mexico, Arizona, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, checking up and reporting daily on the activities of the I. W. W. leaders. Many industries whose continuation is necessary to the prosecution of the war would be affected, it is thought, by the threatened general strike in the northwest.

#### District Attorneys Instructed

District attorneys throughout the entire section have been instructed by the department to institute promptly proceedings against strike leaders where such proceedings can be prosecuted under the broad powers given the president by congress in the war resolution.

Cessation of labor in the harvest fields, in spruce logging camps or at mines, it is thought, would come clearly under the list of subjects which could be dealt with by federal authorities.

#### Department Officials Advised

Department officials here knew several days ago of the impending demands of the Industrial Workers of the World in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Full details of the demands were in the hands of the department more than forty-eight hours before they were announced yesterday by James Rowan, district secretary of the I. W. W. at Spokane.

#### Aircraft Construction Menaced

The construction of the great aircraft fleet which the government purposes to send abroad has been seriously menaced, it was said, by widespread activities traceable to I. W. W. sympathizers in the logging camps of Washington. Spruce logs, used in building airplanes, have been damaged and destroyed, it was said, in great quantities, and the machinery used to convert the logs into lumber damaged in many instances by hidden spikes driven into the logs. Spruce is the only timber used in building airplanes in this country, and curtailment of the supply of logs has menaced construction of machines.

The situation, however, has been met, it was said today, and the crisis of the movement, it is believed, has been passed.

#### Plot to Destroy Timber

Department officials have been advised of an attempt by I. W. W. sympathizers to destroy the reserve supply of spruce timber in the northwest. This alleged attempt, it was said, has been frustrated.

The activities of the I. W. W. are regarded by officials here as political rather than a labor movement. In instituting prosecution district attorneys have been instructed to inquire into the purposes of calling strikes and to ascertain whether they were called to embarrass the government in the production of necessary materials, or for other causes.

There can be no general prosecution, it was said, of I. W. W. leaders as such for strike activities. The industries affected, their relation to the prosecution of the war and the purposes back of calling the strike have to be considered in each individual case, it was said, as the basis of prosecution.

#### CATHEDRAL IS BURNING

BERLIN, Aug. 16.—The German general staff reports that the cathedral at St. Quentin was set on fire by French shells and that it has been ablaze since yesterday evening.

#### VICTORY WON BY HAIG

British Capture Town and 1200 Prisoners in Flanders.

#### SUBMARINE CURBED

Ground Is Being Gained at Many Points.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—Premier Lloyd George announced in the house of commons today that the troops of Field Marshal Haig had captured Langemarck. The premier said that Field Marshal Haig had telegraphed that 1200 prisoners had been taken and that five guns had been captured by noon today.

The British premier said that in the single month of April, 5,600,000 tons of gross shipping were lost through Teuton submarines. In July the tonnage lost went down to 320,000 gross tons. This month there was a substantial improvement over that of July.

The net losses since the commencement of Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare was under 250,000 tons a month.

The premier said: "Germany now is barely able to hold her own—not even that." Premier Lloyd George said that in the first six months of this year, the new tonnage built was 454,000 while in the last six months, including purchases, the new tonnage would be 1,424,000.

The premier also said that a considerable addition had been made in the program of construction. In addition to capturing Langemarck, the premier said, the British troops gained ground at many points. Severe fighting is continuing with the result undetermined.

Mr. Lloyd George said the acreage under cultivation showed an increase of 1,600,000 acres, if the harvest weather was good. The condition of food supplies was very satisfactory. The premier added that there had been an increase in the sugar reserve.

"The government has come to the conclusion," Premier Lloyd George said, "that with reasonable economy there is no chance of starving England out."

"The admiralty plans for dealing with submarines have been increasingly successful." There had been a considerable saving in bread consumption, the premier said, and owing to closer milling and food economy there had been an addition to the wheat stock of 70,000 quarters per week. (A quarter is equivalent to 480 pounds.)

#### FOOD SCARCITY CAUSES CRISIS

Disorders Over Starvation Rations Leads to Upset in Finn Cabinet.

HELSINKI, Finland, Aug. 16.—Disorders occasioned by the scarcity of food have led to a cabinet crisis. The senators have requested the governor general to transmit their resignation to the provisional government. The governor general has asked M. Tokoi, vice president of the department of economics and former president of the diet, to form a Socialist cabinet. He has accepted. A general strike has been declared.

Sixty training schools, where more than 32,000 students have already qualified, are now open in London, Eng., and the provinces under the scheme for free instruction in aviation marking started by the Ministry of Munitions and the educational authorities.

#### WILL PROSECUTE DRAFT DODGERS



William C. Fitts.

Assistant Attorney General William C. Fitts has been designated to formulate a plan of action for the prosecution of draft dodgers and slackers. He has conferred with Provost Marshal General Crowder and the two will co-operate in bringing offenders to justice.

#### POPE'S PEACE NOTE ARRIVES

Official Text Cabled From London Does Not Differ From Earlier Reports.

#### WILL BE REJECTED Generally Conceded Public Opinion Not in Favor of Pontiff's Plan.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The text of Pope Benedict's peace note received here early today in cabled dispatches from London, discloses that it does not differ from the unofficial outline previously received.

The foundation stones of the pope's proposals for ending the world war are reduction of armaments, freedom of the seas, settlement of all international disputes by arbitration and that there shall be no retaliatory struggle for economic world supremacy after the war.

The text of the communication served to strengthen the prevalent opinion that there is no likelihood of the proposals being accepted in their present form. That public opinion in the allied countries, insistent on a favorable decisive culmination of hostilities, will cause the offer to be rejected, was generally conceded here.

Action to put into effect plans of leaders to forestall any attempt at open discussion of peace in the senate appears imminent when that body convenes today. Present plans call for executive sessions to consider closing the doors for peace debate. Senators of the so-called pacifist group were expected to oppose the secret session program.

#### Comment Generally Pessimistic

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 16.—Comment on the peace proposals of the pope is generally pessimistic. The leading Argentine newspapers recognize that certain points are coincident with the ideas of President Wilson, but that the conditions and propositions of the pope will not be accepted. Certain newspapers believe that despite the good intentions of the pope his propositions are injurious to the allies, favoring those responsible for the war.

ROME, Aug. 16.—The pope's peace appeal will not be published here today as announced, no newspapers appearing on account of the Assumption day holidays. It will appear on Friday.

#### MORE U. S. BONDS TO BE FLOATED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—A detailed plan for advertising the next issue of liberty loan bonds in newspapers and other mediums of publicity, to cost from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 and to be paid for by the government, was presented today to Secretary McAdoo by the national advertising advisory board with the recommendation it be adopted.

#### FRENCH IN TONS OF FIERCE FIGHT BOMBS DROP

Capture All Objectives Austrian Air Squadron Attacks Maritime Arsenal at Venice.

#### ATTACKS DEFEATED MANY AIR BATTLES

Master System of German Trenches Taken in Furious Attack. Three Austrian Machines Missing After Fight With Italians.

PARIS, Aug. 16.—French troops in Belgium, attacking early today in conjunction with the British on both sides of the road between Steenstraete and Dixmude, captured all their objectives and crossed the Steenbeke river, the war office announced today. Further progress is being made along the river.

The French made an attack on the Aisne and captured German trenches on a front of one kilometer. Four German counter-attacks were repulsed. The statement follows: "French Troops Advancing."

"In Belgium, after violent and most thorough artillery preparation we made an attack at dawn this morning in conjunction with the British army on our right. With superb spirit our infantry made the assault on the enemy positions on both sides of the road between Steenstraete and Dixmude, capturing all objectives and crossing the Steenbeke. Our troops are making progress on the right bank in contact with our allies."

"South of Ailles a vigorous attack made us master of a system of trenches on a front of one kilometer which was held strongly by the enemy. Four German counter-attacks on our new positions were repulsed easily and 120 prisoners, one of them an officer, have been counted. In the region of the Hurtebise monument we also made progress taking a score of prisoners."

#### Heavy Artillery Fighting.

"In the Champagne and on both banks of the Meuse heavy artillery fighting continued. We made a surprise attack near Louvemont, taking seven prisoners. There is nothing of importance to report on the remainder of the front."

"Our bombardment airplanes last night and this morning threw many bombs on enemy establishments north and east of the Houthulst forest and also on the railway station at Lichterveld."

"During our attack in the region of Ailles and Hurtebise our aviators were not deterred by the bad weather from flying very close to the ground as our infantry moved forward and turning their machine guns on the shelters and reserves of the enemy."

#### KERENSKY IS FOR CONFERENCE

Does Not Oppose Meeting of Socialists in Conference—Outlines Government Attitude.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Petrograd says that Premier Kerensky denied that he told Albert Thomas, Socialist member of the French war council, that he personally opposed the Stockholm Socialist conference. On the contrary he thought it very important, though it would have been more important if held when the Russians were advancing instead of under present conditions. He declared that any opposition to the conference by the allied governments and any difficulties put in the way of the delegates was simply playing into the hands of the Germans. Premier Kerensky then outlined the government's attitude.

Women are not allowed to become drug clerks in Germany.

Seven thousand workers in California oil fields will demand an eight-hour day.

#### MEXICO PROBING ALLEGED REPORTS

Ambassador to Learn If Mexicans Are Being Forced Into U. S. Army.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 16.—Subsecretary of State Ernesto G. Perez last night sent instructions to Ambassador Bonillas in Washington to investigate alleged reports that Mexicans are being forced into the United States army.

#### Gunboats Patrol Gulf Shore

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 16.—Gunboats have been ordered to make a careful patrol of the gulf shore to stop any attempts to violate neutrality by German agents.

#### U. S. SOLDIERS IN A HOSPITAL

Wounded Men Arrive at Bath, England, From the Western Front.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—According to the Daily News some wounded American soldiers from the western front have just arrived at the hospital at Bath.

#### Washington Awaiting Official Report.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Neither the war nor the navy department has any information on the reported wounding of American troops on the western front. Prompt official announcement is promised when information is received, provided it is not incompatible with military interest.